



NMLSTA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

May 21, 2023

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)

I. Call to Order 1: 07 p.m. (Eastern Time)

Motion to accept meeting agenda.

Moved by: Anne Schoeffler

Second by: Suzanne Cunningham

Action: Motion passed unanimously.

II. Roll Call

Board Member	Present	Board Member	Present	Board Member	Present
Loris (Lori) Chen	x	David Amidon	x	Mary Lou Lipscomb	x
Alison Seymour	x	Kathy Biernat	x	Corinne (Cori) Nelson	x
Anne Farley Schoeffler	x	Suzanne Cunningham	x	Edralin Pagarigan	
Elizabeth (Liz) Martinez	x	David Curry	x	Vicky Burn Shea	x
Jodie Harnden	x	Covey Denton		Kristin Slota	
		Sharyon Holness		Corydon (Cordy) Strawser	
		Carrie Jones	x	Elizabeth Weismann	
		Peter Kelly	x	Kathy Brooks (NSTA)	x

Review/Approval of Minutes from April 03, 2023, meeting.

Amend to indicate attendees that were general NMLSTA members rather than board members in Roll Call.

Moved by: Suzanne Cunningham to accept minutes.

Seconded by: Kathy Brooks to accept as amended.

Action: Motion passed unanimously.

III. Old Business

A. Update from the Constitution and By-Laws Committee (Anne)

- Constitution was approved by NMSTA membership
- Mary Lou Lipscomb will be updated on website
- Bylaws located in shared drive – Continues to be work in progress
- Section 6: Affiliate and Associate Groups – Pulled wording from constitution, allows for flexibility in associate groups in future
- Technology and Communications Chairperson Discussion – Does it make sense to break into 2 positions? Each has a lot of separate responsibilities. This would allow flexibility, more manageable for each person, and recruitment opportunities. Board agreed.

B. Appointments to the Board of Directors by Alison Seymour (Alison)

David Amidon - 3 year term

Carrie Jones - 3 year term Vicky

Burn Shea - 3 year term

Sharyon Holness - 1 year term (vacancy)

Motion to affirm appointed positions to the board for a three-year term each, as well as

filling the vacant position for one-year as noted in the agenda.

Moved by: Alison Seymour

Seconded by: Anne Schoeffler

Action: Motion passed unanimously.

Welcome to new board members!

IV. Standing Committee Reports (alphabetical order)

- AoA (Liz) – Suzanne Cunningham will be representing NMLSTA. Liz Martinez and Suzanne will coordinate her registration and preparation.
- Awards (Anne) – Teacher awards, 5 applications, Working on quantitative method of evaluation, 10 \$200 awards per year have been budgeted for this FY. Anne will make announcement as jpeg for website. Alison will post on Facebook. Has done a ppt slide and save a jpeg. Mary Lou will put in newsletter.
 - Weather Station – IL
 - Notebooking for Success – IN
 - Fun with Kitchen Chemistry – NC
 - Ants in the Class – IL
 - Microplastics on Cape Cod Beaches Research by CCLCS Grade 6 STEAM Team - MA
- Conferences & Webinars (Mary Lou) – All webinars for this year are done. 3 people have expressed interest in fall. ML will contact them. Contacted by Trisha Shelton (NSTA) to meet about SaT in Denver (March 20-23, 2024) planning. There will be an SaT in Denver, but not KC. Send suggestions to Mary Lou Lipscomb as soon as possible. Dave Curry, also involved in NESTA, will possibly help coordinate
- Membership (Elizabeth) – Lori Chen – Continue to clean up membership information as far lapsed, current
- Middle Level Teaching (Liz) – Kathy Brooks – Discussed that NSTA President has provided new charge for the committee for this year. June 1 will have 3 new members starting, so discussion will continue at the next meeting.
 - New Charge - Ways to support and retain newly hired teachers and their support personnel.
 - Possible Ideas: Curate NSTA resources, NSTA Daily Dos – align more closely with NGSS, Build collection of resources from Science Scope, NSTA or NMLSTA webinar for newer teachers, Write article for Science Scope
 - Contact Kathy Brooks if interested in helping. (June 10) Kathy Biernat, Alison Seymour, Vicky Shea, Suzanne Cunningham, Lori Chen, David Amidon
 - Coordinates well with new charge and NMLSTA new committee
- Scope Advisory (Cordy) Kathy Brooks has been no meeting
- Treasurer (Jodie) – Current financials located on drive
- Technology and Communication (Lori) – Mary Lou Lipscomb needs to set up accounts for new members

V. New Business

A. NMLSTA Early Career Teacher Network (Lori, Vicky Burn Shea) – Asking for support to create ad hoc committee

Ad hoc committee

Kristin Slota, Chair

Kathy Biernat

David Curry

Vicky Burn Shea

Discussion of purpose, goals, and objectives of the committee.

- Need exists to get people into and keep them in science education
- Early career educators (ECE) - less than 3-5 years' experience
- Purpose: Provide support, guidance, and resources
- Goals: Establish professional development opportunities, Foster supportive community, Advocate for early educators, Collaborate with other organizations
 - Ideas for reaching goals being explored

Google form to membership to identify ECE and potential mentors.

Invite Kathy Brooks to meeting so there can be coordination between NMLSTA and middle level teaching committee

NMLSTA members provide webinars – Safety would be important topic

Dave Curry will talk with Kristen about getting meeting scheduled.

VI. For the good of the order/Announcements – Best to all as you as your school year is wrapping up.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting.

Moved by: Alison Seymour made motion to adjourn

Seconded by: Anne Schoeffler

Action: Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m. Eastern Time

Next meeting June 04, 2023, 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time

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Kim Nagle	Brooks Middle School	Bolingbrook, IL	Weather Station	I would like to get a weather station for our school courtyard to students to take actual weather data from our school .
Carrie Jones	Dillard Drive Magnet Middle School	Raleigh, NC	Fun with Kitchen Chemistry- Where Students are in Their Element	In this club, students will be making edible science recipes (e.g. rock candy) or useful products (e.g. soap) using Chemistry
Allison Clegg	Tecumseh Jr. High	Lafayette, IN	Notebooking for Success	I would like to purchase notebooks for my students so they can take more ownership for their learning process.
Scott Valenta	St. John the Baptist School	Winfield, IL	Ants in the Class!	Students will raise and observe ants in the classroom
Annie Haven	Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School	Harwich, MA	Microplastics on Cape Cod Beaches Research by CCLCS Grade 6 STEAM Team	Our sixth grade STEAM teaching team is initiating a citizen science program to document microplastic pollution at local beaches around Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

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Treasurer (Jodie) – In records

Technology and Communication (Lori) – Need to set up accounts for new members

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XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting. Next meeting June 04, 2023, 1:00 PM Eastern.

Moved by: Alison

Seconded by: Anne

Action: Adjournment